Kansas Offender Registration Working Group Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014 1:00-2:30 p.m. Hosted by the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office – Wichita, KS

Core Member Attendance:

Organization	Core Member	Present	Absent
Kansas Bureau of Investigation	Jessica Dultmeier	X	
Kansas Bureau of Investigation	Kelly McPherron		X
Kansas Sheriff's Association			
Butler County Sheriff's Office	Deputy Aaron Waldorf	X	
	Alternate, Deputy Travis Elder		
Douglas County Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant Al Deathe	X	
Ford County Sheriff's Office	Investigator George Brown	X	
	Alternate, Candi Carroll		
Harvey County Sheriff's Office	Deputy Jake Westfall		X
Jackson County Sheriff's Office	Deputy Chris Miller	X	
Johnson County Sheriff's Office	Sheila Wacker	X	
·	Alternate, Sergeant Kristi Lovell		
Saline County Sheriff's Office	Michelle McMillin	X	
•	Alternate, Jessica Hall		
Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office	Sergeant Tracy Sprier	X	
	Alternate, Deputy Thomas Delgado		
Shawnee County Sheriff's Office	Captain Philip Higdon	X	
•	Alternates, Deputy Emily Adams and		
	Debra Hoffer		
Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office	Captain Charles Patrick	X	
	Alternate, Lieutenant Colonel Bob Gunja		
Kansas Department of Corrections	Beth Esau		X
Kansas Department of Corrections-			
Juvenile Services	Chris Reece	X	
Kansas County and District			
Attorney's Association			
Kansas State Board of Indigents'			
Defense Services	Stacey Donovan	X	
Kansas District Judges Association or			
Kansas Office of Judicial	Honorable David A. Ricke, Chief Judge,		
Administration	13th Judicial District	X	
Kansas Community Corrections			
Kansas Department of Corrections-			
Parole Services	Desiree Rohr	X	

Others in Attendance:

Deputy Travis Elder, Butler County SO

Candi Carroll, Ford County SO

Deputy Thomas Delgado, Sedgwick County SO

Deputy Emily Adams, Shawnee County SO

Debra Hoffer, Shawnee County SO

Shelia Sawyer-Tyler, Kansas Bureau of Investigation

Nancy Burghart, Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex

Herman Jones, Shawnee County SO

Harry Keith, Wyandotte County SO

Sherry Anderson-Simpson, Wyandotte County SO

Jim Kramer, Gray County SO

Sandy Horton, Kansas Sheriff's Association

Lt Gayland L Guinn, Douglas County SO

Roxi Smothers, Johnson County SO

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Rick Simpson, Johnson County SO Leslie Moore, Kansas Bureau of Investigation Michael Oliver, Sedgwick County SO

Minutes of the Meeting:

- 1. Call to Order: The Kansas Offender Registration Working Group (KORWG) regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Sheila Wacker, Chairperson.
- **2. Introductions:** Introductions were made by all in attendance.
- **3. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**: Since a quorum was present, core members voted and elected Sedgwick county Sheriff's Office Sgt. Tracy Spreier as chairperson and Debra Hoffer with the Shawnee county Sheriff's Office as vice-chairperson.
- **4. Vote to Modify Core Organization (Kansas Community Corrections to Kansas Court Services):** It was discussed that Kansas Community Corrections is part of Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) which means that KDOC has three core members in the KORWG. A motion was made to replace Kansas Community Corrections as a core organization with Kansas Court Services. Motion passed with a 10 to 3 vote.
- **5. Tier System:** Butler county Sheriff's Office Deputy Aaron Waldorf presented information in favor of labeling Kansas registered offenders with tier levels of I, II and III. No action was taken and it was decided that this topic could be discussed further at future meetings.

Miscellaneous Discussions:

- An update was provided on the KBI's Offender Registration database, KsORT (Kansas Offender Registration Tool) to advise that currently there are 8 Kansas Sheriff's Offices using KsORT to actively register offenders. A question was asked as to whether or not testing (August 2014) and release (September 2014) of the automatic interface between KsORT and private vendors is on schedule. The answer was yes.
- There was a suggestion to allow for conference call capability to expand attendance of the KORWG
 meetings. Various input was offered and there were concerns that steps to comply with the Kansas Open
 Meetings Act (KOMA) must be taken.
- At the September 11, 2013 KORWG meeting, information regarding residency restrictions was presented to the group. To date, there have been no new developments on this topic.
- Butler county Sheriff's Office Deputy Aaron Waldorf provided copies of a letter written by registered offender, "John Doe," who is seeking donations to assist in a lawsuit (Shawnee county Court case 12-C-168) where he challenges the application of Senate Bill 37 (2011) which expanded the duration and other requirements of the Kansas Offender Registration Act. The case is currently being appealed by the Kansas Attorney General's Office and, as of the date of this meeting, there are no new developments.
- Core members were asked to provide contact information for the CEO of their organization to Jessica Dultmeier so that copies of meeting minutes could be provided to them.
- It was discussed that previous meeting minutes need to be approved by core members at the beginning of each meeting.
- All in attendance were advised that the KBI will not be pursuing any Offender Registration legislation changes during the 2014 legislative session, however per Article IX subsection (i) of the KORWG by-laws; legislative action can be pursued by another KORWG core organization. One possible legislative change mentioned was to add the ability for law enforcement to issue a citation to offenders who fail to pay the \$20 fee. There were recommendations that the group gather any proposed changes in time for the September 2014 meeting to prepare for the 2015 legislative session.

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5. Upcoming Meetings:

April 9, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. to be hosted by Butler County Sheriff's Office at 141 S Gordy, El Dorado, KS June 11, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. to be hosted by Shawnee County Sheriff's Office September 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. to be hosted by Saline County Sheriff's Office

6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

KORWG to determine a deadline for proposed legislative changes

Remember to e-mail agenda items to Sgt. Tracy Spreier at tspreier@sedgwick.gov no later than April 2, 2014

7. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.